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1. PEKING CELEBRATED PRC 24TH NATIONAL DAY AS LOW KEY FAMILY HOLIDAY. AS IN RECENT YEARS THERE WAS NO PARADE, LEADERSHIP LINEUP, OR FIREWORKS. ACTIVITY CENTERED IN SIX CITY PARKS, WHERE THROGS STROLLED IN SUNDAY BEST, WATCHED A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES, MUNCED FRUIT AND POPSICLES AND LINED UP FOR SHOOTING GALLERIES AND OTHER GAMES. GRAY OVERCAST DAY MUTED THE BRIGHT COLORS OF THE SCENE, THOUGH RESIDENTS APPEARED TO BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN USUAL UNDERSTATED PEKINGESE WAY. OBSERVERS HERE LONGER THAN WE COMMENTED THAT MOOD SEEMED SUBDUED COMPARED TO MAY 1 AND OCTOBER 1 LAST YEAR.

2. THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WAS NOTABLY RELAXED. THOUGH
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SLOGANS SUSPENDED FROM ENORMOUS BALLONS OVER LAKES AT

THE SUMMER PALACE AND PURPLE BAMBOO PARK STRESSED CORRECTNESS OF PARTY, EFFICACY OF MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO THOUGHT, AND STUDY OF TENTH PARTY CONGRESS LINE, SIMPLE FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. ONE REVOLUTIONARY BALLET DEPICTED FIGHTING ANONYMOUS TANKS IN THE SNOW AND A FEW OF THE SHOOTING GALLERIES FEATURED UNMARKED "ENEMY PLANES" AS TARGETS. FOR THE REST, LOCAL CHILDREN CONCENTRATED EFFORTS ON HITTING MECHANICAL PANDAS WITH PING PONG BALLS, AND MAKING CARDBOARD TIGERS UTTER TAPE-RECORDED ROARS WITH SHOTS FROM POP GUNS.

3. ALL OF THE ACTIVE TOP LEADERS MANAGED TO APPEAR AT LEAST ONCE IN COURSE OF NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF CHIANG CH'ING WHO ATTENDED MFA RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 30 (REFTEL). CHOU EN-LAI, WANG HUNG-WEN, YEH CHIEN-YING, TENG HSIAO-P'ING AND HSU HSIANG-CHIEN TURNED OUT IN AFTERNOON WITH OMNIPRESENT SIHANOUK ENTOURAGE FOR TWO HOUR SONG AND DANCE PROGRAM IN SUN YAT-SEN PARK AUDITORIUM. IT APPEARED THAT ENTIRE GROUP ARRIVED BY CAR AT SIDE ENTRANCE AND LEFT BY SAME ROUTE, SKIPPING TRADITIONAL STROLL THROUGH PARK WITH MASSES. PEKING BASED DIPLOMATS SPECULATE THAT APPARENT EFFORTS TO LIMIT CROWD CONTACT A SECURITY REACTION TO MASS CRUSHES SURROUNDING LEADERS LAST MAY 1. PROGRAM FOR SIHANOUK INVOLVED MIXTURE OF SHORT SKITS AND SONGS PRAISING PLA AND CAMBODIAN FIGHTERS AND MINORITY BALLETS INCLUDING RATHER SENSUOUS (FOR PEKING) UIGHUR DANCE. SOME OF SIHANOUK'S OWN WORKS PERFORMED, WHICH APPEARED TO PLEASE PRINCE HUGELY.

4. DAY ENDED AT TEN P.M. WHEN DECORATIVE LIGHTS ON PEKING BUILDINGS DOUSED. CROWDS IN T'IENT'AN MEN SQUARE RETURNED HOME IN RELATIVE DARKNESS. EVERYONE IN BED BY ELEVEN.
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